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## Business Notices.

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Five inspectors and 55 policemen have been despatched to Formosa by the Japanese Government.

At the Magistracy to-day, the hearing of the charge of theft against the two boys in the employ of the British Mercantile Marine was resumed. Inspector Mann intimated he had not been able to obtain any further evidence than that given the day before by Mr W. Candler, the steward. Commander Hastings discharged the two defendants.

The hired transport *Cephalonia*, with the West Yorkshire Regiment to take the place of the 1st Battalion Rifle Brigade, ordered to Singapore to relieve the 2nd Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers, which will return to England after an absence of 16 years on foreign service, is expected to arrive at Singapore on the 16th November, on the outward voyage to Hongkong, returning to Singapore on the 28th, and sailing on the 30th via Penang to England.

The P.M.S.S. Coy's steamer *China*, on her last voyage from Hongkong, broke the east-Pacific record between Yokohama and San Francisco, and lowered the record of all steamers between Honolulu and San Francisco two hours. She arrived in San Francisco two days ahead of time on September 30. The run to Honolulu from Yokohama was made in 9 days 10 hours and 11 minutes, two hours under the record. From Honolulu to San Francisco the time was 5 days, 8 hours, 29 minutes, two hours under the record.

The death of Capt. William G. Pearce, late of the O. and O. steamer *Gaelic*, will cause very general regret. Capt. Pearce was perhaps the oldest shipmaster who visited this port, and he was very much liked by all who knew him. Deceased has never been the same man since the accident to his steamer, and he has simply pined away, having died at the Peak Hospital this morning. The funeral took place this afternoon, and was largely attended. The boats of the O. and O. Pacific mail, and Canadian Pacific had their flags half-masted as a mark of respect.

Correspondence relating to the proposed fast Atlantic service has been laid before the Dominion Parliament. The late Ministry were prepared in June last to accept a tender from Messrs. Allan to supply the service for 220,000 a year for ten years, subject to certain modifications and with the aid of a yearly imperial contribution of 75,000. Mr Chamberlain, however, would not decide upon this until the new Ministry was formed. It is believed that the negotiations for the past weeks have borne fruit, and that a definite announcement on the subject of the service may be expected shortly.—*Home paper*.

An extraordinary custom prevails amongst some Chinese a few days after the marriage ceremony is performed, the bride being required at a festival to repeat certain phrases after any of the guests assembled, on the penalty of suffering cruel tortures, such as burning her face with lighted joss-sticks, a red hot poker or such like implements. A short time ago a marriage took place in Hollywood Road, near the Man Wo Temple, and a festival was held on Monday night in honour of the event. A young Chinaman, in the course of the festivities asked the bride to repeat certain phrases after him, which she refused to do. He thereupon inflicted serious injuries to her face with burning joss-sticks and the lighted end of his cigar. The uncle and some of the friends of the woman subsequently had a quarrel with the young man over the affair, with the result that he was brought before Commander Hastings at the Magistracy to-day, charged with assault. He pleaded that he was only sky-larking. The Magistrate sent him to skylark for four months in Victoria Gaol.

The Sanitary Board meets to-morrow at 4.15 p.m. Business.—

Order of the Day.—Conservancy Contract (b) Specification.

Agenda.—1. A communication from the Colonial Secretary authorising the Secretary and the Medical Officer of Health to communicate direct with the Crown Solicitor. 2. An application for permission to sell fruit elsewhere than in a public market. 3. A letter having reference to the withdrawal of a market stall-holders' licence. 4. Two returns showing the progress of cholera in Singapore. 5. A communication regarding the occurrence of Bubonic Plague in Formosa. 6. Papers concerning the transference of the steam disinfecting apparatus to Kennedy Town. 7. A correspondence concerning the disposal of the carcasses of animals imported into the waters of the Colony. 8. A report having reference to the need for an improved public latrine at Shek-tou-tou. 9. A request that the ground surface of a domestic building be levelled. 10. A report.

An analysis report on fourteen samples of wall water. 11. Surveyor's report on the condition of the houses in Block No. 23. 12. A request that the dictation regarding the creation of water closets at 14, Cavenagh Street, be accepted. 13. Several reports relating to buildings which it is proposed to erect on Marine Line 276.

14. A report on the proposed measures against the depredation of the cattle of rebels in Moravia. 15. A report on the proposed scheme for

The Bank of Japan has arranged to send a commission to Formosa shortly to investigate the banking business there. General Nogi, the new Governor-General of Formosa, embarked at Kobe on the 1st November for his post.

IMPERIAL sanction has been given to the appropriation by the Japanese Government of 220,000 yen out of the surplus revenue, to Gifu prefecture towards the cost of the repairs necessitated by the floods; and another grant of 60,000 yen to Fukui prefecture for a similar purpose.

The delay of the English mail steamer *Ravena* was occasioned by her having been detained in quarantine at Colombo. She arrived at Colombo from Bombay on Saturday, Oct. 18, and was detained in quarantine there until ten o'clock on Thursday morning.

The steamer *Esong*, which arrived at Shanghai, from Tientsin, on the 30th October, carried the largest consignment of griffins ever landed at Shanghai from one vessel. She carried a consignment of 111 griffins for the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Co. Limited.

Amongst the Autumn lists of new books we notice one, 'Across Siberia on the Great Post Road' by the Rev. Charles Wenyon, M.D., M.Ch., Wesleyan Missionary. Dr. Wenyon, late of Tashkian, is known to many as an intrepid traveller, and this book will be read with interest, giving, as it does, picturesque glimpses of the country and the people, their habits and religion.

Published by the Methodist Book Room at 3s. 6d.

To-morrow afternoon the Hongkong Football Club will play a Rifle Brigade team composed of time-expired men. The Club will play in white, the Brigade in colors. Kick off at 4.40 p.m. sharp. The Club team will be:—W. Macmillan, goal; J. Wood and H. W. Looker, backs; H. W. Slade, F. H. Kew, and W. H. Pryce-Browne, B.M.L.I., halves; E.C. Rowcroft, H.K.R., J. D. Danby, P. G. Davies, R.A., D. H. Grayson, R.A., and A. J. R. Greeno, R.A., forwards.

The Hongkong team will be off to-morrow at the Kowloon Range in the Inter-Port Shooting Competition. The firing commences at the 200 yards range at half-past one o'clock. The following have been selected to represent Hongkong in the competition:—Captain Pation Bethune; Captain Ferguson, Major Wrottesley, R.E., Corporal Woolridge, R.B.; Messrs. W. McDonald, E. C. Shepherd, G. P. Lamerton, D. McLennan, W. Stewart, and Sergeant Robertson, H.K.P. Inspector Mans and Mr Watson are the reserve men. Mr A. Chapman is captain of the team. At a practice this afternoon Mr W. McDonald scored 97; Sergeant Robertson, 96, and Sergeant D. McLennan, 96.

The Renown, which is to be commissioned very shortly, can carry a larger supply of coal than any battleship afloat. With a full supply on board she will be able to cover a distance of 10,000 knots at 10 knot speed. She can slow 1,800 tons, but as at present there is no necessity for filling her up, she has only been loaded with 1,200 tons. Of course, in considering the distance she can steam with a given quantity of fuel, allowance is made for the considerable amount burnt for auxiliary purposes. Almost everything in the Renown will be done by electricity, and every part of the machinery is in duplicate. It is believed that Admiral Sir John Fisher will hoist his flag on her for an experimental cruise.—*Singapore Free Press*.

The Shanghai mounted police have just been remodelled and considerably strengthened in numbers, and on Sunday last they commenced their regular duties. They are under the command of Sergt. G. Dally, himself an old cavalry man, having served in the 15th Hussars. The new uniform is identically the same as that worn by the Indian native cavalry; regimental turbans, black and red; scarlet cummerbund, swords and belt, cavalry blouses, hose and breeches. The men are well-motived, the difficulty of getting ponies having been settled, excellent animals for the purpose being forthcoming. The duties of the mounted men will be the same as those on foot with the addition of special duties with regard to regulation of traffic in the Settlement.

The report that a Chinese child was accidentally drowned yesterday by falling from the arms of a coolie who was carrying him to the fair proprietor of Hartman's Circus, the Rev. W. C. Dunkerley, officiating, in the presence of a numerous assembly, including the whole of the Circus company and a large number of the military. The child was given away by Mr. Adams, Mr. Frederick being best man, and Miss Warren, Miss Violet Brandon, and Little Annie Aldean being bridesmaids. The bride was a striking costume, the bodice of pale pink merveilleuse flowered silk, the skirt of grey corded silk, with sleeves to match, and a tunic of pale pink and grey. The bridesmaids were also very elegantly dressed. Miss Brandon in a violet coloured dress with cream lace, and Miss Warren in a pale blue dress, and Miss Aldean in a blue dress with a white sash.

The ceremony over a joyous meal was had at the Waverley Hotel, the usual toast following.—*Singapore Free Press*.

The London and China Express says:—Despite certain apologists of Japanese rule in Formosa, the bulk of the evidence seems to be against the system of government adopted by the new possessors of the island, which system is largely responsible for the recent rising. It need not be necessary to faithfully believe all the statements of the rebels—such as that the Japanese were not allowed to trade with the Chinese, or that the Chinese were compelled to take the child above, and refused to do so because the child had been drowned. The mandarin then reported to the Police that the child had been drowned. The mandarin, thinking the child had been drowned, sent the Police to the child's home, and the child was taken to Shanghai. The mandarin, thinking the child had been drowned, sent the Police to the child's home, and the child was taken to Shanghai. 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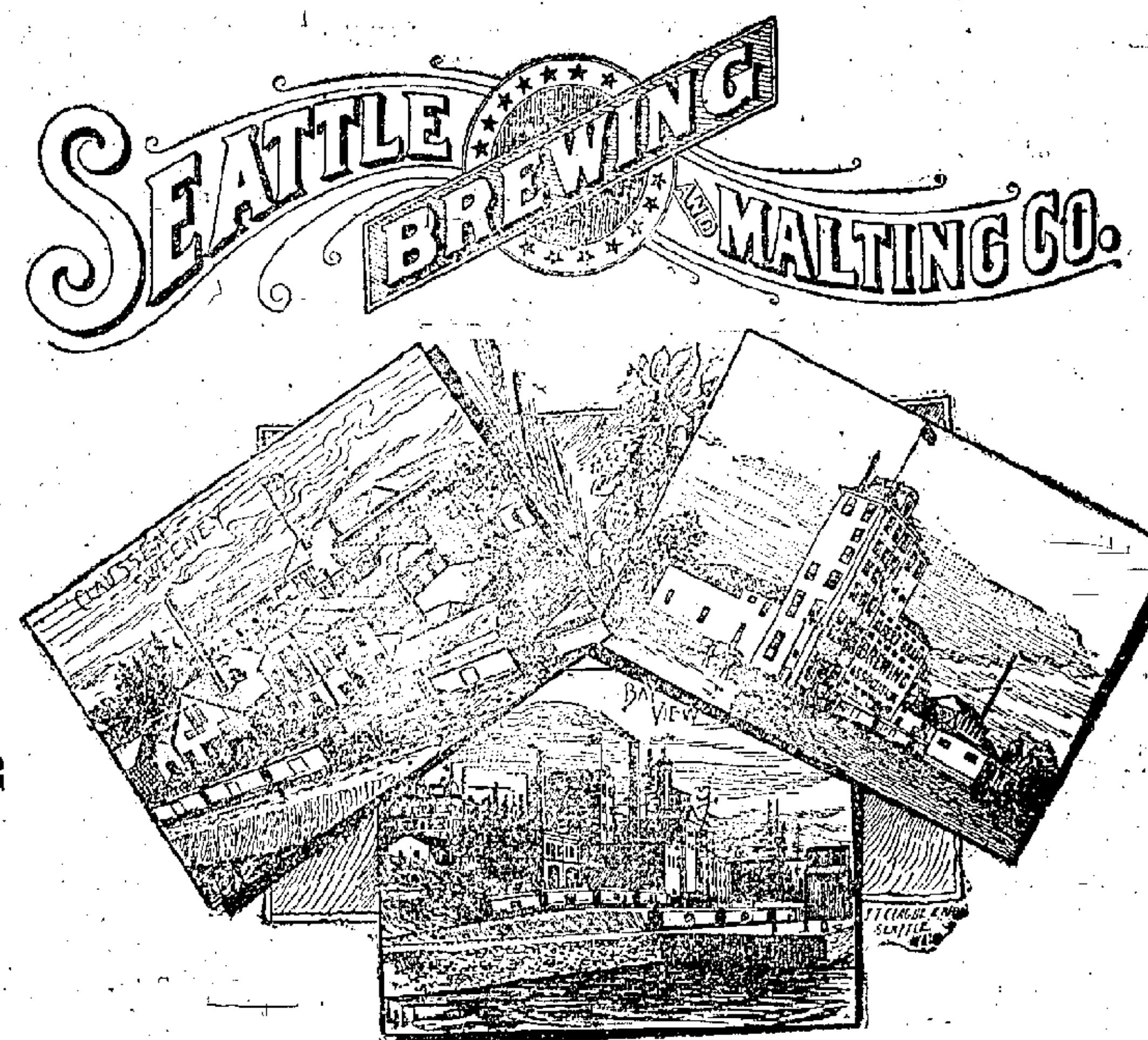
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TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £50,000.

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AGENT of the above Society in Hong-  
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FIRE on the usual terms.

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NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE  
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TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1895.

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Subscribed Capital, £2,750,000.00  
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